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Dear Arthur:

Thanks to you and the gang for the phonecall and telegrams and so on. The brute shock of the occasion is considerably tempered by such expressions of friendship.

I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from Harry Eagle with regard to Hertzenberg. I'm rather puzzled by the seeming discrepency between this report and the one you quoted from Mel. If it were possible for Mel to be a little bit more explicit the situation might be clarified. What would you and or Mel think about taking him on on a strictly probationary basis? At least his skills would seem to be quite useful for the development of the program in the area of our mutual interest.

The business office sent up the check for travel expense. Thank you very much.

As ever,

Joshua Lederberg

Enc: JL/jp